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3. In the preparation of lands for wet-cultivation considerable outlay will necessarily be incurred and in order to facilitate the prompt disposal of applications for loans for this purpose, a special establishment will be required. Full occupation will probably be found for at least two Deputy Collectors with a small staff: and the Commission-er will submit, at a very early date, proposals for the entertainment of such an establishment as he may deem necessary for dealing with applications for loans and with other matters connected with the assignment of lands.

4. If the expectations of Government are realized the provision made in the Budget Estimate of 2·50 lakhs of rupees on account of loans under the Land Improvement and the Agriculturists' Loans Acts will be insufficient to meet the numerous applications for loans which will be presented by persons who may take up land under this work, and in order that Government may be in a position to meet those demands the Government of India will be requested by telegraph in the Financial Department to increase the allotment under Budget head 13 A from 2·50 lakhs for 1896 - 7 under Provincial Loans Class I as estimated in G. O. 1027 - 8, Financial dated 18" December 1895, to 7·50 lakhs.

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5. Instructions will issue in the Public Works Department to the Superintending Engineer to direct the Executive Engineer in charge of the distributary works under the Periyar Project to accompany the Commissioner during his tour and afford him all the information and assistance which may be required.

(True Extract)

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